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Albert H. Diebold Awards

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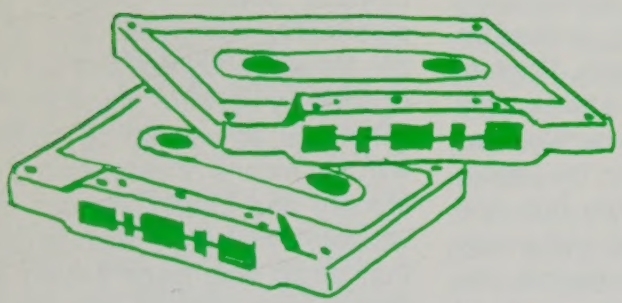
Individual

James Weaver
St. Jacobs
Union Church
Brodbecks, Pennsylvania

For his "witness through a church tape ministry" James receives $200 in cash



Society

Senior High
Christian Endeavor Society
Maysville Community Church
Greenville, Pennsylvania

For its community witness program, this group receives $200 in cash.

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the winners' home church.

Individual winners entered an activity, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after April 15, 1981, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used and their Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects begun after April 15, 1982. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 31 years. The 1982 program marks the 26th year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for this year's entries were: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, junior Christian Endeavor sponsor at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon; Timothy J. Kribs, pastor of Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon; and Laurilyn Larkey, graduate of Biola College, Buena Park, California.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

WEAVER

James C. Weaver, a 17-year-old member of St. Jacob's (Stone) Union Church, Brodbecks, Pennsylvania, is the first-place winner in the individual category of the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program.

Jim took first place for his work in the tape ministry of his church. He is responsible to see that tape recordings of the Sunday school and worship services are circulated to shut-ins of St. Jacob's Church. This service began with one tape recorder in 1976 and was so popular that new equipment was purchased in 1977 including 20 tape players for shut-ins, 500 cassettes, and a tape duplicator.

This past year Jim worked with the sexton in recording the regular Sunday services plus special services such as Easter Sunrise, Christmas, Memorial Day, and Cantatas. He spent about two and one-half hours each week copying tapes and changing labels. Keeping the equipment clean and operating is also his responsibility.

Of his project Jim says, "Not only shut-ins have benefited from this ministry. The pastor and Sunday school teachers have used them to listen to their lessons and improve them. They have also used them for Bible studies and people who were unable to attend a session could hear the study on tape . . . It will continue to be a means through which people can serve Christ, the church, and their community, and receive hope and inspiration for years to come."

SWEETEN

The second place winner in the individual category of the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program is 17-year-old Terry Sweeten of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

The church building was in need of repairs and many people who wanted to attend the church needed transportation so Terry launched his "Keeper of the Church" project.

The first phase of the project was repairing the church windows. Many damaged windows were replaced and all windows were reputtied. To conserve fuel all windows were winterized by covering them with plastic.

To keep the church warm during the winter months Terry worked on the entire heating system. The fuel lines were checked, the fuel supply tank was cleaned, a new filter was installed, and all joints on the copper pipes were sealed. The flue and chimney were cleaned and a new wood heater was installed. He helped keep a good supply of wood and started fires in the stoves before services.

The project included picking up people for church services with his truck plus taking young people to the church picnic, hymn sings, and to view Christian films in another city.

The concluding phase of Terry's witness project was caring for the church lawn. This included mowing the lawn, raking the grass and leaves, and keeping the fence line clean.

In addition to his project, Terry served as a junior deacon, gave a communion meditation, and led in prayer at various services.

Of his project Terry writes, "I think my project was successful because new people came to church and the church building is more comfortable and pleasant.

KIRNA

Oliver Kirna, the 17-year-old president of the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of the Community Church of Little Neck, New York, is the third place winner in the individual category of the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program. His message, "I believe in the Life Everlasting," was delivered in the morning worship service on Sunday, February 14, 1982.

He concluded his message with the following comments:

Life after death continues. Beyond death, I believe that personality continues. Just as in this life we recognize and are recognized by outward physical characteristics, so we shall be provided with the means of establishing our identity and continuing our individuality. Nor do we need to doubt that those who have known and loved each other best will be together again, able to recognize and greet one another, and to share their love in a greater fullness.

Beyond death, I believe that activity continues. I don't believe that in eternal life we will be doing nothing. The joy of this life is being used for a purpose, in serving, in the discipline and dedication of the talents we have been given.

Beyond death, I believe that growth continues. In heaven, the best of us will appear. We will become wiser and more mature.

Furthermore, as a personal revelation, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior when I attended a religious camp in Ontario, Canada. One of the boys at the camp was very rowdy and disruptive. He also led a sinful life of drinking and cursing until I saw how the Lord, in his

mysterious ways, brought him to confess his sins and accept Jesus Christ as his Savior at one of the evening bonfires. I was so moved when I saw this boy give his testimony that I gave my own personal testimony of how I believe in God that through Jesus Christ as your Savior you may have everlasting life.

I believe in the life everlasting — the gift of a God whom we know in Christ as all loving and all wise. I believe in the continuance of personality, of activity, of growth beyond the experience that we call death. A moving, true story related by Dr. Fosdick sums up our thoughts. It tells of an English post office clerk whose job it was to handle letters that are inadequately addressed. This man was at his desk on Christmas eve — a broken-hearted man because death had taken their little son. He was given a letter addressed in childish writing to Santa Claus, North Pole. Attached to it was a note from a postman giving the address where he was given it. The clerk was startled because it was his own address. The writing was that of his own daughter. The letter read:

"Dear Santa Claus:

We are very sad at our house this year, and I don't want you to bring me anything. My little brother went to heaven last week, and all I want you to do when you come to my house is to take his toys to him. I'll leave them in the corner by the chimney, his hobby horse and train and everything. You see, he'll be lost up there without them, especially his horse. So you must take them to him, and you needn't mind leaving me anything. But if you could give daddy something that would make him stop crying, I wish you would. I heard him say to mommy that only eternity could cure him.Could you send him some of that? And I will be your good little girl."

We could all do with a gift of eternity! And it can be ours now! The life everlasting begins not when you die, but when you believe. "He who has the Son has life, and he who has not the Son of God has not life."

MYERS

Jack Andrew Myers, the 17-year-old son of Rev. & Mrs. Harold Myers, is a member of Mt. Carmel United Brethren in Christ Church, Fulks Run, Virginia. He is the fourth place winner in the individual category of the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program. His year-long project was helping the handicapped.

The Pleasant View Home of Broadway, Virginia, is a school and home for people with varying degrees of retardation supported by the Mennonite Church. The adult choir of the Mt. Carmel United Brethren in Christ Church takes members of Pleasant View to churches, colleges, and other community organizations so people can meet them, learn how they are being helped at the home and how individuals and groups can help to support them.

The Pleasant View choir presents a musical program consisting of group songs, solos, duets, and trios and an official of the home serves as master of ceremonies. Through the past year Andy has helped these handicapped people get on and off the bus, helped them get in and out of the churches, and provided background music for their singing on his guitar.

Andy writes of his project, "I believe this is a Christ-honoring Christian Youth Witness project because I am giving these people an opportunity to raise their own support. I help the supporters meet the people they support and learn of the work of Pleasant View Home. The students of Pleasant View Home have found a new sense of worth and are using their time constructively.

RUNNERS-UP

The three runners-up in the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program are: Christopher Wade Barnes of Williamsburg Baptist Church, Sevierville, Tennessee; Miss Michele Collison of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee; and Jeff Newell, First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas.

Christopher Wade had several poems published in his hometown newspaper.

Winter

Winter is a season for the snow
and cold weather,
A time for plants and animals to
sleep.
But our love for the Lord and His
creations should never sleep.
For God's love is an elk's move-
ments across a frozen slope,
Or in a tree's growth and endur-
ance through the cold winter.

Valentine Message

A Valentine of love, that's true.
Now this is what I really must do.
Send lots of love to all of you,
The gift God gave, Oh! so free
To all the earth and all the sea,
Because God first loved you and
me.

Michele Collison's project included visiting a nursing home, preparing church bulletins, a Thanksgiving newspaper article, youth week participation, and church leadership.

Jeff Newell gave a message on "Hope Through Christ" in his church Sunday evening, February 7, 1982.

Terry Sweeten

Michele Collison sharing with a resident of the Sevier County Nursing Home, Mrs. Anah Headrick

Residents of Pleasant View Home with Andy Myers and Phyllis Conger

Mt. Carmel UB Quiz Team

Students from Pleasant View Home with Andy Myers

Youth participating in the Easter sunrise service in Liberty Garden

View of the Village of Woodstock, N.Y. Dutch Reformed Church (right)

Puppet ministry of Valley View Wesleyan Church

SOCIETY WINNERS

1st

First place winner in the society category of the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program is the **Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of the Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania.**

. To win the top spot the society had a series of projects which included giving a monthly donation to the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union; caring for grass and shrubs around the church during the summer months and cleaning up the leaves in the fall; entering a float in the Jamestown parade in September; arranging a window display in the Moose Hall on Main Street in Greenville November 21 through December 5, 1981; and going Christmas caroling and helping stage the junior Christmas program in late December.

One of the two major witnesses was the float. Miles Smith, the 17-year-old vice-president of the Christian Endeavor society writes: "As a witness to the surrounding communities the members of the Maysville Christian Endeavor constructed a float to be entered in the Jamestown Community Fair Parade. The theme of the float was 'The good old days when the Bible was taught in school.'

It consisted of a log cabin complete with a bell constructed by members of the Christian Endeavor society. The floor of the float was covered with flowers and other foliage. The skirting around the wagon depicted the centennial of Christian Endeavor. The float took first place in its category."

The second major community witness was the window display The theme of this display was "The Centennial of Christian Endeavor." It included the history of Christian Endeavor with a picture of Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of the movement. A red and white cake with 100 candles, Christian Endeavor monograms and two banners showing the dates 1881-1981 completed the display.

Roger Thrasher is the president of the society and Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Fenton, Jr., serve as sponsors.

2nd

The second place winner in this year's society competition is the **Christian Endeavor Society, First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas.** Amy Vaupel is the president and Mrs. Alice Fuqua is the sponsor.

The year-long project included sixteen concerts by the handbell choir: one concert at the Centennial Christian Endeavor Convention, the "Festival of Hope" in Portland, Maine, August 12-16, 1981, four appearances in local nursing homes, and several programs at community religious and social functions. Mr. H.W. Card., Jr., senior vice-president of the First National Bank of Harlingen, wrote to Mrs. Fuqua, "On behalf of our directors, officers, and employees, may I express our most sincere and grateful appreciation for the outstanding presentation by your group during our annual open house. Your participation in the program was excellent and the performances of each member of your group was outstanding. I'm sure, as their director, you are extremely proud of them as individuals and as a group.

"The handbell choir adds much to the warmth and conviviality of our annual open house."

The second phase of the witness project included five dramatic productions: a city-wide Passion Play at the municipal auditorium; an Easter Sunrise Service at Liberty Gardens with other churches; a three act play, "A Man Called Peter"; "Naboth's Vineyard" presented in several cities; and an outdoor nativity scene. This was a live production in front of the church during the Christmas season.

Several "dial-a-story" written by Dan Neidermyer were produced by the young people and their advisors. A Christmas musical, "It's the Lord's Thing," concluded the witness project.

3rd

The teen group of **Valley View Wesleyan Church, Roanoke, Virginia,** were the third place winners in the 1982 competition. The group presented puppet shows more than twenty-five times during the year.

The youth sponsor, Mrs. May Hall writes: "The youth decided to work with puppets. We held several fund-raising projects and earned enough money to get started.

"We built a puppet stage and bought two puppets. Since then, we added more puppets and built a large stage.

"The young people have given performances in churches, backyards, schools, malls, and wherever they have been invited. Mark. 16:15 says, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.'

"As a result of the Tanglewood Mall production of 'Sixth Grade Scrooge,' they were invited by the First Presbyterian Church to perform at the Friendship Manor, a

nursing home, and Emmanuel Wesleyan asked us to do the musical drama for their youth.

"The group has selected the name 'The WAY Puppet Ministry'; the letters stand for Wesleyan Armored Youth.

"The group has done other things too: sang in the Christian Endeavor Sunrise Service; performed with the puppets at the Virginia Christian Endeavor Convention; performed at a senior citizens banquet in May; held a Bible-read-a-thon in November; participated in the city-wide Knock on Doors campaign in October; made favors for the sick at a women's prison in Raleigh, North Carolina; went Christmas caroling at Friendship Manor Nursing Home; and visited their 'adopted grandmother' and took her a Christmas tree and a box of gifts."

4th

The fourth place winner is the **Christian Endeavor Society of the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodstock, New York.** Marlee Margapoulis, president, and Mrs. Paul Haeussler, sponsor, give the following report of their entry in the 1982 Christian Youth Witness Program.

"It was the year of the Festival of Hope, the monumental centennial celebration of the founding of Christian Endeavor in Portland, Maine. The Woodstock Christian Endeavor's tremendous 'Guatemalan Mission Project' had been completed, all of the individual registrations for our group to attend the convention in Portland, Maine, were on file, and now, at our invitation, the Scottish Endeavour Singers were due, and we were awaiting them.

"The Scottish Endeavour Singers were part of a tour party of 105 Christian Endeavourers traveling from Scotland to attend the Festival of Hope in Portland, Maine. Arriving by airplane in Boston, Massachusetts, in the afternoon of Saturday, July 25, they were due in Woodstock about 9:30 p.m. traveling in three buses. They planned to concertize Sunday afternoon, and we planned to show them our village between times.

"Let us tell something about Woodstock. In size it is a very small village. The one main road is called Tinker Street and is about six blocks long. This is a distinct advantage as it is a fact that no one has ever gotten lost in our town. Woodstock is a lovely place located deep in the Catskill Mountains of the Hudson Valley in New York state. It is unique because it is an art colony — known not only for painting but for all forms of related art. It is friendly, hospitable, and cosmopolitan.

"In the heart of the village, on the village green stands our stately old Dutch Reformed Church. Its membership totals about 150, including 10 enthusiastic, committed Christian Endeavorers and their advisors.

"The arrangements made for hosting of the Scottish delegation took a lot of prayer and planning. Our congregation alone could not house that many people, and so our plans overflowed the Dutch Reformed Church and the Scottish weekend became a community concern!

"We remembered that Paul admonishing the Philippians (4:6) told them, 'Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything, tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers.'

"During the days to follow we had many, many occasions to thank Him for His answers. We especially thanked Him for Mrs. Loje Braen, a long-time Christian Endeavor mother, organist, choir director, and sacred song writer, who found host families in the membership of other churches, with friends, with neighbors, and even with the pastor of the Platekill Reformed Church in Mt. Marion, a good 15 miles away. Finally, the task of housing the 105 Scots was completed, and we were awaiting our Christian friends.

"In describing our village we neglected to tell how this sleepy little town becomes alive with visitors, tourists, and weekenders during the summer months. This weekend of July 25-27 was no exception. The town was *jumping!* The church on the green was ablaze with lights inside and out. All the doors were opened wide. There were enormous posters and a display of flags in evidence. People of our church, of the host families, and of the village, plus perfect strangers were milling about for at least two hours prior to the arrival of the Scots. Everyone in Woodstock wanted to know what was happening, and we lost no time in telling them.

"We had posters proclaiming the Scottish Endeavour Singers in every shop, newspaper, on local TV and radio stations, inviting everyone to the concert, and telling all that we were enroute to the Christian Endeavor Festival of Hope in Portland.

"When, indeed, the three buses swung up to the front of the church, a great cheer arose from all who were waiting, and it grew as the young Scottish Endeavourers jumped off and were greeted by the Woodstock Christian Endeavorers and hosts. Such an affectionate display of brotherly love is hard to describe except among Christian Endeavorers!

"As soon as we all got assembled within the sanctuary the formal welcomes from our Christian Endeavor president, Cindy Simmons, and our pastor, Bill Bengtson, were made. We had prepared packets of welcome of New York state maps, brochures, pins and rebate tickets from the merchants

in town, and they were distributed. Most important was the prepared schedule of activities for the next two days.

"The Sunday morning worship service, including the stirring message and inspired singing by the Scots and their pastor, was attended by an overflow crowd. What a wonderful living testimony they gave to everyone who filled the church! During this time they also gave a premier performance of one of the sacred songs composed by our Loje Braen. Townspeople who had never before ventured within our Dutch Reformed Church had now, somehow, found their way to be part of the Sunday morning service.

"Although inclement weather forced the outdoor picnic luncheon to be held indoors — lunch was served to over 200 persons. After lunch our own Woodstock bagpipers entertained, to the delight of the Scots. Later in the afternoon a wonderful concert of praise was performed, again to an overflow audience.

"On Monday morning, before boarding their buses, the singers assembled on the church steps and sang their farewells. All business functions around the village seemed to cease as the strangers filled the whole town with music — and other strangers paused and then stopped still to listen. An unforgettable moment in time. Life was being enriched. Life was being changed and touched by Christ's love, and by the sharing and the Christian witness being shown.

"The Scots had gone, but their visit proved to have a lasting impact on our community, our church, and upon ourselves. Their enthusiasm for Christ and the Church was contagious, and we went through the next few weeks singing their songs, trying to mimic their burr, and in general, being very thankful to God for the pure love we shared."

Christian Endeavor Sermon Contest

Dear Pastor:

Since the beginning of Christian Endeavor, the pledge has been its most important feature. In this year that begins the second century of the ministry of Christian Endeavor a renewed emphasis is being placed upon the pledge. One way this is being accomplished is by encouraging pastors to preach a special sermon on the importance of the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

In order to challenge ministers across North America to participate in this program in the local church, a contest with awards has been developed. Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. The participant must be the pastor of a church which sponsors a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group.
2. The sermon must be preached in a regular church service.
3. The sermon should be 15 to 20 minutes in length.
4. The entry must be typewritten and double spaced.

The first place winner will receive $100 cash; second place, $75; and third place, $50. The award winning sermons will be printed in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Deadline for entries is November 15, 1982, with announcement of winners to be made during Christian Endeavor Week 1983 (January 30-February 6).

Entries are to be mailed to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, OH 43216, with the envelope clearly marked SERMON CONTEST. (Include with the entry a statement indicating the place where and the date when the sermon was delivered.) The sealed envelopes will be submitted to a panel of judges whose decisions will be final.

I am sure a sermon on the Christian Endeavor Pledge would be an inspiration to your young people and a help to your congregation. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lavern Billig
President

5th

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee won fifth place in this year's awards program. The project was a New Year's Eve Carpet Laying party. The young people decided to spend the beginning of the new year in laying carpet in the church sanctuary and in fellowship with other Christians.

Lynn McKnight, sponsor, writes, "It is the belief of the Christian Endeavor Society that many people have been reached including family, friends, neighbors, community, causing a deeper personal commitment in the participants lives."

Group Happenings . . .

Virginia

Mt. Carmel United Brethren Church in Fulks Run celebrated Christian Endeavor Week with an Outdoor Birthday Party on January 30. Following a Bible Quiz a huge bonfire was built in front of the church. Mountain pies (pizza, blueberry, and apple) were roasted on sandwich grills and served along with hot chocolate. Following the singing of a number of choruses, young adult sponsor, Carla Bare, gave an inspirational salute to Christian Endeavor on the theme, "101 Years of Service to Christian Youth." A birthday offering was received for Christian Endeavor. Rev. Harold W. Myers, Jr., is pastor of the church.

The 101st birthday of Christian Endeavor was celebrated by the churches of the Disputanta/Petersburg, Prince George, and Richmond areas at a banquet held February 5 at the Prince George Congregational Church. Sponsor Karen Elliott reports that young people from the churches reported on their society activities, followed by a message on the topic, "Hope Through Christ," delivered by Rev. Paul Luthman, pastor of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Charles Lomasney, society president, reports that a birthday banquet was held at the Mount Olivet United Brethren Church, January 31, 1982. Mrs. Nancy Whitt, state president, participated in the program along with several young people from the church. Rev. Earl Allen brought the banquet message using "Hope Through Christ" as the theme; 53 persons attended the banquet.

The Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Societies of the Bethlehem Congregational Church, Disputanta, observed Christian Endeavor Sunday, January 31, in the worship of their church and then joined with the Christian Endeavor Societies of Prince George Congregational Church at their Christian Endeavor Day service, Sunday, February 7.

New York

The Woodstock Dutch Reformed Christian Endeavor Societies held their fourth annual Bible-Read-A-Thon during the 24-hour period ending at 6 pm Saturday, February 6. Christian Endeavor Sunday was observed February 7 with Luisa Padilla and Ted Lewis, Jr., Endeavorers from the Fort Washington Collegiate Church bringing the morning message. A Penny Social also was held later in February.

Trinity Temple Christian Endeavor Societies celebrated the birthday of Christian Endeavor with a Christian Endeavor Youth Day Service January 31. The highlight of the service was the message delivered by Evangelist Anderson of the Gideon Knights Freedom Church of Jesus Christ. The offerings received will be used to assist young people to attend the New York Convention and Summer Assembly.

Trinity Reformed Christian Endeavor Societies of Rochester held a retreat at Camp Hackamo March 5-6. Mini-talks on living the Christian life were presented throughout the retreat.

On April 3, the annual Metropolitan Junior Rally was held at Glen Morris Presbyterian Church in Richmond Hill, Queens, under the direction of Betty Miller, junior superintendent. Conferences on "Following Jesus" and "Praising God" were followed by a slide presentation on Junior Summer Assembly. Jean Worsmley, state vice-president delivered the closing challenge on the theme, "For this, I have Jesus."

Brooklyn-Queens CE Alumni annual banquet was held April 17 in Ridgewood. The 70 longtimers present heard Dr. Ange Crescenzo, a trustee of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union deliver a challenging message. Vocal selections were presented by Gail Forsberg, accompanied by her husband, Charles.

North Carolina

According to Lillie B. Smith, assistant counselor, the Varick Christian Endeavor Society of St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, Maysville, held a birthday activity on February 3 which included a play entitled, "The Meaning of the Tithe," followed by games and refreshments. On Sunday, February 7, the annual installation service, attended by 150 persons, was held. Music was provided by the all male chorus of Araphoe and Mr. and Miss Varick Christian Endeavor (Angeline Boone and Gary Meadows) were recognized.

Texas

International President Lavern Billig traveled across Texas during Christian Endeavor Week 1982. He began the week in Dallas, serving as toastmaster at the Dallas District Birthday Banquet, January 30; participating in the morning worship service of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church Sunday, January 31, and speaking at the evening worship service of Bruton Road Christian Church. Accompanied by Jim Harrelson, state extension chairman, Lavern spent time Monday and Tuesday visiting with Dallas area ministers. On Thursday he participated in a reception in Houston with Endeavorers from the San Jacinto area. Friday was spent in the Rio Grande Valley where he

directed a sponsor's clinic at First Christian Church, Harlingen.

Don Key, associate minister of Valley View Christian Church, Dallas, was the speaker for the Dallas District Birthday Banquet held at the Rosemont Christian Church January 30. Approximately 160 participated in this annual event. Mrs. Lucille Jamison and Sheldon Filkins were recognized for being the woman and man present who had been involved in Christian Endeavor the longest.

Studies on Christian Endeavor basics have been undertaken by the Teen Christian Endeavor Society of Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, under the direction of program chairman, Mark Smith.

Special Christian Endeavor Week activities were held at First Christian Church, Harlingen, Sunday, February 7. In the worship service, Jeff Newell delivered a sermon on the theme, "Hope Through Christ."

Christian Endeavor Week activities at Bruton Road Christian Endeavor Church were coordinated by a committee under the direction of Linda Gard. All four worship services during the week were conducted by the youth with the "Born-Again Psalms Singers" bringing special music at all the services.

Approximately 100 attended the Valley District Christian Endeavor Birthday Banquet on Saturday, February 6, at First Christian Church. International Society of Christian Endeavor Associate President Debbie Witcher served as MC. Rev. Richard Murray of Rio Hondo Community Church was the speaker. A 101st birthday cake with an anchor and C.E. was prepared by Annelle Clausen. Special music was provided by Rio Hondo Christian Endeavor.

Pennsylvania

The first meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, was held January 31 featuring a slide presentation on the history of Christian Endeavor. Lynn Slack, the society sponsor, reports that the group participated with other area Christian Endeavorers in a county skating party February 1 and conducted the evening church service on Sunday, February 7. Included in the service was a candlelight pledge signing ceremony along with a rally and mini-hymn sing.

New Jersey

To help celebrate the 100th birthday of Christian Endeavor at the First Congregational Church of Chester, the members of the church planned a special program on Sunday, April 25. The original building and room where the first Christian Endeavor society meeting was held on April 11, 1982, were of special interest to visitors. As a part of the celebration, a brief devotional meeting was held and refreshments served.

Washington

The Junior High society of the First Reformed Church of Oak Harbor held a planned famine the weekend of January 29-30. The famine began at 5 pm Friday evening and ended with a dinner on Saturday evening with only orange juice being served. During the weekend a movie also was shown relating to famine.

The Washtucna Senior Christian Endeavor sponsored a "Love Loaf" program in their church. Over a period of several Sundays, youth spoke on the purpose and meaning of the program. The congregation's families were registered with forty-seven loaves being passed out. The loaves were collected at the Good Friday services.

The Christian Endeavorers of Everett served a dinner to their congregation and invited churches from Lake Stevens, Alderwood, and Poulsbo to join with them. The youth cooked, sewed, and cleaned up for the dinner. Following the dinner the youth presented several numbers in song and the movie, TRIUMPH IN THE STREETS, was shown. Proceeds from the dinner went to the Senior High mission project.

Early Easter Sunday the Senior Christian Endeavor group of the First Reformed Church, Yakima, gathered to prepare breakfast for those attending the East Valley Community Sunrise Service. A free will offering was taken and presented to the family of the Reformed Church who had lost their home and its entire contents on Good Friday in a tragic fire.

West Virginia

The 1982 Valley Ralley (involving churches located in the Upper Ohio Valley) was held February 6 at the Warwood Christian Church. Included in the program were songs, Scripture reading, skits presented by the Warwood youth and a sermonette. Refreshments were served following the services. Groups from both West Virginia and Ohio participated in the rally.

On February 7, the young people of Tuscarora Christian Endeavor assisted in the morning worship service in celebration of Christian Endeavor's birthday. During the evening meeting they continued the celebration with a special program and party.

The Junior High-Senior High Christian Endeavor members of the Warwood Christian Endeavor Church conducted the opening Sunday school exercises on Youth Sunday.

A new program was added to the New Cumberland Christian Church activities. On February 13 approximately 60 persons attended a Sweetheart Banquet. "Promise", a singing group from Kentucky Christian College, participated in the program.

Bits and Pieces

Rev. and Mrs. Murdoch welcomed by Japanese Endeavorers

During a visit to Japan, Rev. and Mrs. James Murdoch participated in a reception hosted by the youth group of Sangenjaya Church, Tokyo. Rev. Murdoch also preached at Honda's Memorial Church followed by another reception held in their home at Bancho Church. While in Japan the Murdoch's also saw the sights of Ginza, Tokyo, and visited Tsukuba — school and town — which is located east of Tokyo.

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Mrs. Marion Hoopes, wife of Warren G. Hoopes, a former general secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, died March 26, 1982. Marion was a long time Junior Christian Endeavor leader and served as chairman and member of the Junior Work Committee of the International Society for a number of years.

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The annual Wisconsin Christian Endeavor Reunion was held May 21-23 at Camp Byron in Brownsville.

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Florence Raber Veitenheimer was called to her eternal home December 1, 1981, following an extended illness. Many will remember Florence as a former president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, Summer Assembly director, and an active participant in the Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union.

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Eva L. Williams, treasurer of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, was ordained November 1, 1981, as a minister of the Gospel at Trinity Temple Baptist Church. Eva currently is serving Trinity Temple as associate minister.

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Paul Burke, president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, along with his wife Pat and daughter Christine spent several weeks this spring serving as missionaries in the Philippines. Time was spent ministering in camp meetings in the barios (towns), visiting orphanages and children's homes, and teaching small fellowship groups.

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Elder Yoo Sung-Ko, president of the Korean Christian Endeavor Union, reports that the union is vigorously engaged in Christian Endeavor activities since returning from the Festival of Hope, capitalizing on the "precious new learnings" gained from this experience. He also states that there are 500,000 Korean Christian Endeavor members and that several plan to participate in the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh.

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Pauline Harris Wilson crossed over into eternity January 6, 1982. "Aunt Polly," as she was affectionately known, was an active Christian Endeavor leader in Virginia for many years and the widow of Frank P. Wilson, a former field secretary of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union.

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Richard A Cattermole, administrative secretary of the Evangelical Congregation Church and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society, was awarded the Honorary Degree Doctor of Divinity at the commencement exercises of Albright College May 23, 1982.

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Caroline Harrison, a former field secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor and member of the Executive Committee of the International Society, departed this life for eternity November 19, 1981. She was the wife of R. Owen Harrison, also a long time Endeavorer.

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Bill Donlin, a trustee of the International Society, died May 20, 1982, following a series of severe strokes. Bill was long active in Christian Endeavor and represented his home state of Hawaii at many International and World's Union activities.

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Nathaniel Jarrett, a member of the Executive Committee and former vice-president of the International Society, received his Doctor of Ministry degree, June 3, 1982, from the Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago.

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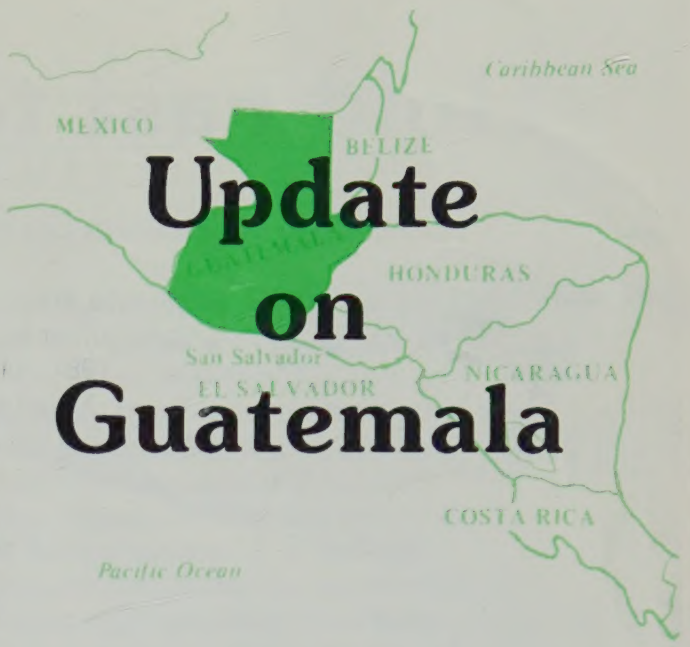
Endeavorers from the Maya-Quiche District

Endeavorers participating in the First Congress for Evangelism



Update on Guatemala

Warm greetings from all your friends in Guatemala. We are very happy that the political situation has not created any problems in the developing of our work for Christ and the Church. We travel to the countryside two or three times a month meeting with Endeavorers, sharing the word of the Lord, and giving them training on leadership through Christian Endeavor.

February 12-14 we had the First National Congress of Evangelism at the Presbyterian Seminary along the southern coast. The evangelist team Cruzade of Luis Palau helped us in preparing the materials for 60 young leaders selected from our seven districts. As a result of this activity, the National Union has been asked by Cruzade to promote and develop the First Interdenominational Congress for Evangelism for leaders in the capital city. As you know, Christian Endeavor is working strongly among the Presbyterian Churches, and this mission was the pioneer in bringing the word of the Lord to this country. The centennial of this historic event will be celebrated by all denominations serving in Guatemala (over 32) next November. Plans and programs have been prepared for pastors and major organizations.

It is challenging to start an activity of this kind, nationwide, working with all denominations, providing organization and activities toward the centennial. We have never participated in a work of this kind but have gained experience during the Area I Conference and so many other good experiences overseas provided by the World's Union.

We also have prepared another activity for all of our districts. Since the first preacher arrived at San Jose Port, on the Pacific, we will start a marathon on the anniversary of the date he arrived. We will carry a torch that will remain in each district for one week, arriving at Guatemala City on the day when the centennial activities start.

A National Biblical Championship will be held with participation from the Synod of Presbyterian Women and the Synod itself. It will continue for ten weeks and will involve five participants from each society. The final contest will be held here in Guatemala City in connection with the Day of the Bible.

We have secured Mount Zion Camp for the week of November 22-27 and Luis Palau will be with us for two nights during the same week. During these dates we will celebrate our National Convention and have a Christian Endeavor camping week.

The *Christian Endeavor Manual* is being translated into Spanish. Hugo Gomez and I are trying to adapt its topics to our culture and will present it all finished at the convention.

The History of Christian Endeavor — Guatemala has also been collected from books, minutes, and personal testimonies. Leonel Ramos did this extensive job and now I am in the process of revising and redating. This work will be included as a keystone in the process of evangelization in Guatemala started in November 1882.

We thank God for the leaders who were selected to attend the Festival of Hope in Portland. All are working in their societies and have collaborated with the national union in a great way. Some of them have developed a leadership we never thought they could.

May our good Lord bless you always.

For Christ and the Church,
Walter Saavedra
Overseas Secretary

Hold Fast to the Pledge

A message to Christian Endeavor from Dr. Francis E. Clark

If I could never send another message to Christian Endeavorers, I would say, hold fast to the pledge — not in a slavish spirit, but with the freedom wherewith Christ makes us free.

Hold fast to it because it emphasizes our high ideals to do only what Jesus Christ, our Master, would like to have us do.

Hold fast to it because it adds to our weakness His strength. Trusting in it alone, we can achieve success in any work for Him and our fellow men.

Hold fast to it because without prayer and without the Bible to which it commits us, we can do nothing abiding or worthwhile as Christians.

Hold fast to it because it demands loyalty to the Church, as well as to Christ. For without definite and strenuous loyalty to the people of God with whom we have associated ourselves, we shall disastrously sever our influence and our power.

Hold fast to it because it enforces the beauty of testimony and out-spoken allegiance to Him whose we are and whom we serve. Expression is as necessary to religious growth as the impression of truth. A plan cannot grow unless it expresses its life by its leaves and flowers. Strip off the leaves of a tree for three successive years and it dies. A bird, if it lives, will surely express itself in song. A Christian, if he would grow strong, must express his love for Christ in words and songs and deeds. Every honest word for Him in the prayer meeting, every simplest service on a committee, is an expression of our love for Him.

Hold fast to the pledge because it has been, and is the main electric cable of devotion to the prayer meeting which is the power house of our movement.

Hold fast to it because it has been the inspiration of all our many committees, and of our multifarious welfare work for soldiers and sailors, for prisoners and shut-ins, for children in fresh-air camps, and for people in all conditions of distress.

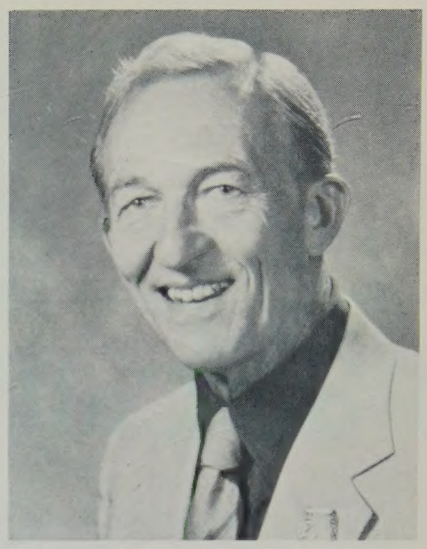
Hold fast to it because it is the bond of our worldwide fellowship. In a hundred different languages, in more than one hundred different denominations, on every continent, and in all the great islands of the sea, our simple, reasonable practical pledge is the same in spirit and purpose if not in exact phraseology. Condensed into a line, it is to strive to endeavor, not boastfully, but to endeavor earnestly, persistently, humbly to do whatever Jesus Christ our Lord would like to have us do. This is the gist of Christianity, this is the very gist of Christian Endeavor. This, please God, will give strength and perpetuity to our movement in the long years that stretch before us.

To all the Endeavorers who listen to these words I give my best wishes and my affectionate greeting.

From the recording of Dr. Clark's Message at the Fortieth Anniversary World's Christian Endeavor Convention in New York City.

The President's Corner

by Lavern Billig



A few years ago Mrs. Hope Norris sent me an autographed copy of her book, "TRUSTING . . . I PROMISE." The book is based on the Christian Endeavor Pledge and has some very inspiring articles. I would like to pass one of them on to you.

Hope writes, "We used to hear about God's call, and very often we were presented the challenge of the ministry or of missions. Now we realize that there are many ministries. God calls each of us to the job He has for us. A call has been defined as 'a need, a known need, and the ability to meet that need or the willingness to be made able to meet it.'

"How can I know my call? Of course, the first point is to know God. The Christian Endeavor Pledge is a good starting place: 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like for me to do.' He may show you that you have special abilities and talents that fit into certain situations. He might show you that you had limitations for jobs you had thought about. A young couple married recently and applied to the Peace Corps as a place for service. They were assigned to a field; but when the studies began, it was discovered that because of tone deafness, the bride would never be able to master the language; so they were told that the Peace Corps was impossible for them.

"Hallie Strange, who recently retired from long service in Mexico, has been appointed for China. Then it was found that she had an unsuspected case of tuberculosis and could not go to the rough conditions of the assignment.

"She became a patient in the state sanitarium. After months of careful treatment, she was allowed to go to Mexico, where she spent the rest of her life making a home for girls who came from rural areas to attend school. Dr. Fritz Huegel said a few years ago that her work was probably of more lasting significance than that of almost any other missionary to Mexico, since from the Casa Hogar, which means 'the house that is a home,' there have gone out so many ministers, teachers, and dedicated homemakers and church helpers. When God closes one door, He opens another; and often we find that the prayers that we thought were unanswered have been a way to far greater work than we had dreamed. We need to let Him lead us. As the old hymn says, 'Let Him be Thy Guide, and run not before Him whatever betide.'

"When we are uncertain and confused, we must read again the 37th Psalm and 'wait patiently for Him' and 'commit our way unto the Lord.' The place of service does not matter as long as it is His place for us. As long as we are listening and obeying, we shall know His place for us — as the day comes. We still need to pray for 'daily bread' and daily orders for the day. And there is only one day! Tomorrow is His — not ours."

I trust this portion of Hope Norris' book has been as inspiring to you as it has to me. In this year of 1982 may we keep the Christian Endeavor Pledge ever before us.

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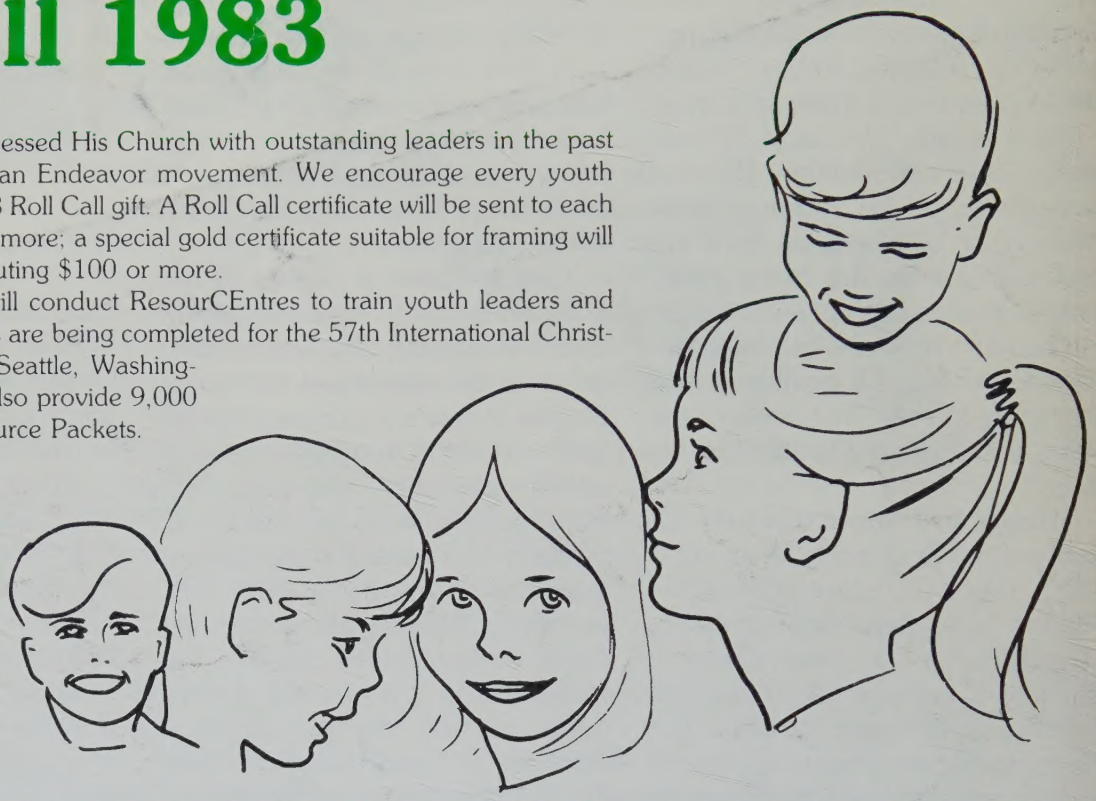
The Lord has abundantly blessed His Church with outstanding leaders in the past 100 years through the Christian Endeavor movement. We encourage every youth group or church to give a 1983 Roll Call gift. A Roll Call certificate will be sent to each group sending a gift of $25 or more; a special gold certificate suitable for framing will be sent to each group contributing $100 or more.

The International Society will conduct ResourCEntres to train youth leaders and sponsors this year. Great plans are being completed for the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983. We will also provide 9,000 youth groups with three Resource Packets.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is committed to advancing the cause of Christ by assisting local churches to train young leaders in the church this year as it has since 1881.



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